

PROPOSED 132KV TRANSMISSION LINE ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING ESKOM TRANSMISSION LINE FROM LONGYUAN MULILO DE AAR 2 NORTH WIND ENERGY FACILITY TO THE HYDRA SUBSTATION IN DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE

DEA REF. NO.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1166 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Longyuan Mulilo De Aar 2 North (Pty) Ltd (Mulilo) proposes to construct a 132kV overhead transmission line in order to connect the 138.96 MW Longyuan Mulilo De Aar 2 North Wind Energy Facility (WEF), to be developed to the east of De Aar, Northern Cape, to the national transmission grid via the existing Hydra substation.

Location of proposed project components: The 132 kV transmission line connects from the metering station and runs 21.46 km south-west traversing the farms: Pienaarskloof (Farm 136 - Portion 6 and Remainder of Portion 1), Slingshoeek (Farm 2 – Remaining Extent and Portion 5), Maatjes Fountain (Farm 1 – Portion 3 and Portion 5 and Remainder of Portion 1 and Remainder of Portion 2), Carolus Poort (Farm 2 - Portion 3 and Portion 4 and Remainder of Portion 2), Wag t en Bittje (Farm 5 – Remaining Extent and Portion 3), Wag 'n Bietjie Annex B (Farm 139 - Remaining Extent) to the Hydra Substation (Farm 144 - Remaining Extent).

Process: The proposed project triggers the following activities as listed in terms of Government Notice (GN) Regulation 544 items 10, 11 and 18 and GN R546 items 13, 14 and 16 in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998, as amended (NEMA) which requires authorisation from the competent environmental authority, namely the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), before they can be undertaken. Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake the above-mentioned Basic Assessment processes. Notice is hereby given of the commencement of a public participation process in terms of the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2010. A request to deviate from the Public Participation Process to omit the 21-day public comment period on the Final BA Report was submitted to the DEA for consideration. All Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are provided with a 30 day period to submit comments by **26 May 2014** on the proposed deviation.

Public Participation: The Draft Basic Assessment Report of the above-mentioned project has been lodged at the De Aar Public Library (Station Street) and the Emthanjeni Municipal buildings (Voortrekker Street) (contact person: Mr F Taljaard). The reports are also available for download from Aurecon's website (<http://www.aurecongroup.com>; please indicate "Current Location" as "South Africa" and click on the "Public Participation" link. Please register as an I&AP, to obtain more information or comment by contacting Aurecon by telephone (021 526 6034), email (simon.clark@aurecongroup.com), fax (021 526 9500) or post (PO Box 494, Cape Town, 8000).



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